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(54) Title: LIPID-ASSOCIATED PROTEINS

(57) Abstract: Various embodiments of the invention provide human lipid-associated molecules (LIPAM) and polynucleotides which identify and encode LIPAM. Embodiments of the invention also provide expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. Other embodiments provide methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with aberrant expression of LIPAM.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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EAST, STN; search terms: lipid associated protein, saposin like protein

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 99/01554 A1 (ZYMOGENETICS, INC), 14 January 1999 (14.01.1999), see claim 8	1, 2, 17, 18 and 56

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)**This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:  
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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1, 2, 17, 18 and 56 with regard to SEQ ID No.: 1

**Remark on Protest**  

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

**BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Groups I-XXI, claims 1, 2, 17, 18 and 56-76, drawn to protein having SEQ ID No. 1-21. That is, Group I comprises SEQ ID No.: 1, Group II comprises SEQ ID No.: 2, etc.

Groups XXII-XLII, claims 3-7, 12, 13 and 77-97, drawn to DNA having SEQ ID No. 23-42. That is, Group XXII comprises SEQ ID No. 22, Group XXIII comprises SEQ ID No. 23, etc.

Groups XLIII-LXIV, claim 8, drawn to transgenic organism comprising DNA having SEQ ID No. 22-42. That is, Group XLIII comprises SEQ ID No. 22, Group XLIV comprises SEQ ID No. 23, etc.

Groups LXV-XXCV, claims 9-10, drawn to method of making polypeptide comprising expressing DNA having SEQ ID No. 23-42. That is, Group LXV comprises SEQ ID No. 22, Group LXVI comprises SEQ ID No. 23, etc.

Groups XXCVI-CVI, claims 11 and 30-45, drawn to antibodies to protein having SEQ ID No. 1-21 and methods of making and using them. That is, Group XXCVI comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group XXCVII comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CVII-CXXVII, claim 20, drawn to a method of screening a compound for effectiveness as an agonist of a polypeptide having SEQ ID No. 1-21. That is, Group XXCVI comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group XXCVII comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CXXVIII -CXLVIII, claim 23, drawn to a method of screening a compound for effectiveness as an antagonist of a polypeptide having SEQ ID No. 1-21. That is, Group CXXVIII comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group CXXIX comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CXLIX -CLXIX, claim 26, drawn to a method of screening for a compound that specifically binds to a polypeptide having SEQ ID No. 1-21. That is, Group CXLIX comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group CL comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CLXX-CXC, claim 27, drawn to a method of screening for a compound that modulates the activity of a polypeptide having SEQ ID No. 1-21. That is, Group CLXX comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group CLXXI comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CXCI-CCXI, claim 28, in part, drawn to a method of screening a compound for effectiveness in altering expression of a target polynucleotide having SEQ ID No. 22-42. That is, Group CXCI comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group CXCII comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CCXII-CCXXXII, claim 29, drawn to a method for screening for potential toxicity of a test compound using a polynucleotide having SEQ ID No. 22-42. That is, Group CCXII comprises SEQ ID No. 1, Group CCXIII comprises SEQ ID No. 2, etc.

Groups CCXXXIII-CCLI, claims 46-55, drawn to a microarray comprising a polynucleotide having SEQ ID No. 22-42 and methods of using it.

The inventions listed as Groups I-CCLI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the specification makes it abundantly clear that each polypeptide is different from the other polypeptides and each polynucleotide is different from the other polynucleotides. Therefore, claims relating to the polypeptides do not share the same special technical feature, nor do claims relating to the polynucleotides. Claim 1, part h, claims a biologically active fragment of the polypeptides. This reads on a single amino acid such as Alanine. Since part of the claimed subject matter is known in the art, the technical feature does not represent an advance over the prior art and, therefore, each invention lacks unity with any of the others.